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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,416,580 issued May 16, 1995 to Trainer;
2. Great Britain Patent Application No. 1,304,962, published January 31, 1973;
3. European Patent Application No. EP 0 485 817 A1, published May 20, 1992; and
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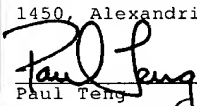
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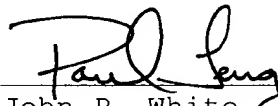
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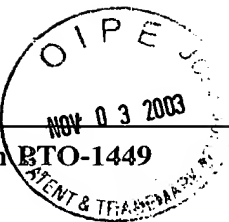
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